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UNIT : O/DD/1
EXT : 3249
DATE : 4 December 1956

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| 1 | Mr. Bissell | 4 | [REDACTED] |
| 2 | Ops | 5 | [REDACTED] |
| 3 | Mr. Reber | 6 | HTA |
| | | 7 | JAG |
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TO : [REDACTED] 25X1A

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1. INFO GIVEN BELOW TO BE HANDLED AS REFERENCE.
2. a. SYRIAN ARMY HAS EXPANDED FROM FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TO SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND SINCE EARLY 1956.
- b. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED FOR DELIVERY BY USSR TO SYRIA OF PERHAPS A SQUADRON OF JET FIGHTERS (PROBABLY MIG-17'S), ARTILLERY WEAPONS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. DELIVERY OF JET FUEL HAS STARTED.
- c. NOT KNOWN WHEN HARDWARE DELIVERY TO START BUT DO BELIEVE THAT WILL NOT BE OPERABLE UNTIL SYRIAN PERSONNEL TRAINED FOR USE.
- d. MOST IMPORTANT SYRIAN AIRFIELDS AT DAMASCUS, ALEPPO, AND RASIN AL ABOUD. ~~NEWLY~~ RUNWAYS BEING EXTENDED AT HAMA.
- e. NEARLY TWO-THIRDS SYRIAN GROUND FORCES (ABOUT FORTY THOUSAND) ARE SOUTH OF DAMASCUS.

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f. IMPORTANT MILITARY SUPPLY DEPOTS AND VEHICLE PARKS HAVE
BEEN NOTED ONLY IN DAMASCUS AREA.

g. INFO OF 30 NOVEMBER 1956 INDICATED THREE CARGO SHIPS AT
LATAKIA.

END OF MESSAGE

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